



MITCHELL ROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA



The Lord's Day—January 26, 2020

8:45 am

8:45 am Worship Service in Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
 Sunday School Communities
11:15 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Evensong in Sanctuary

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We never "get beyond the gospel" in our Christian life to something more "advanced." The gospel is not just the A-B-C's but the A-Z of Christianity. It is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we make progress in the kingdom." - Tim Keller

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 25:4-9

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Hymnal, 455

¹And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God, should die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

⁴Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

⁵No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Worship

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing; all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior he will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, his power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me. *(continued)*

* Please stand if you are able.

Parents, please escort underage children leaving the service.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Confession and Assurance

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Galatians 2:16, 20

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified...I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own;
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—the path before the crown—
We follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.

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God's Work In and Through Us

Community Life

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Declaration of Faith

from the Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall
from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Tithes and Generous Giving

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.

I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.

I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.

For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life he gives me hope.

By the power of his Holy Spirit, I will live for him.

I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I belong to him, in life, in death, my only comfort,

I belong to him, forever and evermore.

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Receiving God's Word

*Pulpit Hymn

(During the hymn K4/K5 may leave for Kid's Church.)

Hymnal, 598

¹ Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

² Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

³ When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

Congregation's Response

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Like This

Neel Skelton

Prayer of Reflection

Based on a passage from "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan

Leader: God, help us to know and believe in Jesus Christ.

**People: For if he was not the righteous One,
or if I did not have faith in his righteousness, I would be utterly cast away.**

Leader: Father, we have heard that you are a merciful God,
and that you have ordained your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world.

**People: And I know that you are willing to bestow him upon such a poor sinner as I am.
Take then this opportunity, Lord—please magnify your grace in the salvation of my soul
through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn of Response

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.

He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.

Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; he the perfect Son of Man.

In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam; come to save the hell-bound man.

Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; Christ the Lord upon the tree.

In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.

Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.

But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.

Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship Today:
NEEL SKELTON, Relational Ministries Director
ANDY LEWIS, Lead Teaching Pastor
TREVOR MANOR, Worship Leader and Choral Director

DAN FORREST, Artist-in-Residence
RITA HASSIG, Organist

Sermon Notes:

Mitchell Road Prayer Goals: January—March 2020

Core Value: Courageous Living

- 5 new laborers to the Harvest field (missions, pastoral ministry)
- Grow in congregational diversity (Economically, Racially, Age, Background)
- 75 families testify they have adjusted Budget and giving to reflect God's Priorities



MRCA Open House

Mitchell Road Christian Academy invites you to their Open House events on January 29 from 9 am - 1 pm. No appointment is needed for Open House. Space for next school year is limited. Mitchell Road Church members, apply by January 31 to receive priority placement. Visit mitchellroadchristian.org/openhouse for information.

Join us in Honoring Two Staff Members February 2, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Our MR Kids Director Ashley Adams has sensed the Lord's leading to leave our staff after some time of prayer and reflection. Naomi Martin, our Nursery Coordinator will also be transitioning off of our staff to be home and enjoy her grandchildren. We would love to honor them and thank them for the love, dedication, beauty, and joy they brought to our Children's Ministry. Please plan on dropping by G201 near the MR Kids check-in next Sunday, February 2 for a celebration and reception honoring their years of ministry here!

Senior Adult Valentine's Banquet

February 3, 6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a special evening of sweet fellowship, good food and wonderful entertainment featuring the musical performance of Trevor Manor. To make your reservations, please bring your form (received in the mail) and payment (\$10/person) to the Reception Desk. Deadline: today!

Global Perspective Weekend 2020 (Missions Conference) Friday, February 21 - Sunday, February 23

New Schedule this year!
This Year's Focus: India
26 global missionaries joining us!

Friday

- 10:00 am Communion service
- 11:30 am Soup and sandwich lunch
- 5:30 pm Catered dinner
- 6:30 pm Kaleidoscope Missionary Panel
- 8:00 pm International Marketplace

Saturday

- 9:00 am Deacons' Pancake Breakfast
- 10:00-noon Breakout seminars
Children's Missions Program
- 5:30 pm International Dinner (covered dish)
- 6:30 pm Phil F* speaking
- 8:00 pm International Marketplace

Sunday

- 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 Worship (Phil F* preaching)
- 10:00 am Missionaries in Sunday School classes
- 5:30 pm Missionaries to Community Groups and Evensong service

February 2—Combined Sunday School
Join us for a conference preview during a combined adult Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. on February 2 in the Sanctuary. As a special treat that day, we'll have a video update from Jonas and Christina Davison on day-to-day life as they get settled in Tokyo.

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The Tech-Wise Life

Whether you're single, married, or in the midst of parenting, we all need to take a step back and figure out the proper place of technology in our homes. Beginning on February 2, join us for this 6 week elective where we will talk about the role of technology in our lives and how to use it (or not use it) in a way that pleases God. This class, taught by Neel Skelton, meets at 10:00 am in R104.



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